

## **FY 19 Landscape Partnership Grant Information Session – Questions and Answers**

1. Is it possible to submit supplemental information after the grant deadline?
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**Answer:** For the grant application submission, current value assessment report, OSRP (for municipal applicants), and the application form are required. We encourage applicants to submit a complete application. However, supplementary information can be sent in after the application deadline.

3. Does the two year cycle for this grant opportunity mean that there won't be a grant round next year?

**Answer:** This year's grant round will be accepting applications for projects that can be completed either in FY 19 (date that contract is signed – June 30, 2019) and/or FY 20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). We do not know what the grant program's FY20 budget will be at this time.

4. How much funding is available?

**Answer:** \$3 million or so is available for this grant round.

5. How competitive is this grant program?

**Answer:** EEA strives to fund as many eligible projects as possible with the available funding. The competitiveness of the grant program depends on the number and quality of applications received.

6. What is the carbon credits part of the grant program all about?

**Answer:** Up to \$50,000 in funding is available for successful applicants to conduct inventory and related work to sell carbon credits for forests within or adjacent to the grant project area.

6. Does the 50% reimbursement hold with the carbon credits program as well?

**Answer:** EEA will reimburse only up to 50% of the entire project budget. Reimbursement for individual eligible cost may exceed the 50% reimbursement requirement.

7. Is there a description of the carbon credits program somewhere?

**Answer:** In the grant BID document on Page 7

7. Can the federal Agriculture Conservation Easement Program be used as a grant match?

**Answer:** Yes, federal funds can be used as grant match.

8. Must all costs be incurred during the fiscal year of the grant award?

**Answer:** All eligible expenses must be incurred during the contract period; between the execution and the end of the grant contract. If the grant award is for more than one year, the budget is separated into two distinct fiscal years.

9. Are all contracts required to be signed as soon as the grant is awarded?

**Answer:** Grantees must sign and return all documents soon after the grant is awarded. A grant contract will be executed as soon as the awardee returns all the required documents to EEA for FY19 grants. FY20 grant contracts will be signed in June 2019.

10. Is public access required on all parcels subject to the grant?

**Answer:** Public access is required on all funded parcels and on as many of the match parcels as appropriate

11. Do water supply parcels have to have public access?

**Answer:** Yes, public access is required on water supply parcels where appropriate.

12. How does a road crossing affect the 500 acre requirement?

**Answer:** It is strongly preferred that project parcels not be separated by roads, however, parcels on either side of small, lightly-traveled roads (having an Average Annual Daily Traffic [ADT] of fewer than 500 vehicles, or for which no ADT was measured, and which are not more than two lanes of travel) may be counted as part of the required minimum contiguous 500 acres.

13. Is the 500 vehicles number measured by the individual car or by the trip?

**Answer:** The ADT of fewer than 500 vehicles is counted by the number of trips.

14. When does the cone of silence begin?

**Answer:** There is no cone of silence for this grant round.

15. Can the project involve both fee acquisitions and Conservation Restrictions?

**Answer:** Yes.

16. Is there a restriction on the number of landowners involved?

**Answer:** No

17. What is required for valuation at the time of the grant award?

**Answer:** At the time of grant, applicants may submit a certified appraisal report, a restricted appraisal report or contracted Realtor's Market Analysis, which will be used to make funding

decisions. However, by March 30, 2019, for FY19 awards (and prior to contracting for FY20 awards), awardees must submit a certified appraisal for each parcel.